



Meeting Summary

274th Plenary Session of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

June 2, 2025 – June 10, 2025
Hybrid – Newport Agate Beach and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 275th Plenary Session on June 2-10, 2025 at the Best Western Agate Beach in Newport, Oregon. The Council [Agenda](#), [Schedule](#), & [Newsletter](#) materials are available. Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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This meeting summary, along with the eAgenda, Schedule, Newsletter, and YouTube recordings (linked above), is provided to offer a complete overview and record of the Council meeting.

*The **eAgenda** contains all materials associated with each agenda item, including supporting documents (analyses, reports, discussion papers), presentations, written public comments, oral testimony sign-up lists (with names and affiliations), and final Council motions. Users may search the eAgenda to locate specific participants, organizations, or topics.*

*The **YouTube recordings** provide the full video record of the meeting, including presentations, testimony, and Council deliberations. Timestamp links in this summary correspond to specific points in the recordings, allowing users to quickly navigate to relevant discussions, motions (including text of initial drafts and amendments if applicable), or testimony.*

*The **newsletter summary** provides a concise overview of Council actions by agenda item.*

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Attendance

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met June 2-10, 2025, with a hybrid meeting based in Newport, Oregon. The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings either in person or virtually (absent members are ~~noted with strikeout~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnica **Chair**
Appointed

Bill Tweit (for Kelly Susewind), **Vice Chair**
Washington Department Fish & Wildlife

Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang)
Karla Bush - Alternate
Alaska Department Fish & Game

Jill Klein (for Sara Borio) - virtual
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Jamie Goen
Appointed

Nicole Kimball
Appointed

Jon Kurland
National Marine Fisheries Service

John Moller
Appointed

Chris Oliver
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

LCDR Jed Raskie
United States Coast Guard

Brian Ritchie
Appointed

Rudy Tsukada
Appointed

Anne Vanderhoeven
Appointed

Steve Williams (for Debbie Colbert)
Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife

~~Dimitri Varmazis~~
~~U.S. Dept. of State~~

Josh Fortenberry, Molly Watson
NOAA General Counsel

Council Staff

David Witherell, **Exec Director**

Diana Evans, **Deputy Director**

Sara Cleaver

Maria Davis

Michael Fey (PSMFC)

Kate Haapala

Anna Henry

Kaylah Hillary, Contractor

Taylor Holman

Anita Kroska

~~Katie Latanich~~

Sarah Marrinan

Danielle Mercurief

Alaina Plauché

Serine Reeves

Nicole Schmidt

Diana Stram

Scientific and Statistical Committee

The SSC met June 2-4, 2025

Sherri Dressel, Co-Chair
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Alison Whitman, Vice Chair
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Fabio Caltabellotta
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Robert Foy
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Franz Mueter
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Jason Gasper – Co-chair
NOAA Fisheries—AKRO

Chris Anderson
University of Washington

Curry Cunningham
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Brad Harris
Alaska Pacific University

Patrick Sullivan
Cornell University

Ian Stewart – Co-Chair
Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission

Jennifer Burns
Texas Tech University

Mike Downs
Wislow Research

Kailin Kroetz
Arizona State University

SSC Members that attended remotely included:

Martin Dorn
University of Washington

Robert Suryan
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Dana Hanselman
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Sarah Wise
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Chris Siddon
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

~~Andrew Munro~~
~~*Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game*~~

Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel met June 2-5, 2025:

Tiffany Agayar
Tamara Briggie
~~Eva Dawn Burk~~
Bernie Burkholder
Shannon Carroll, **Chair**
Nels Evens
Gretar Gudmundsson
Lauren Howard

James Johnson
Maktuayaq Johnson
Kavanaugh, Julie (virtual)
Rick Laitinen
Craig Lowenberg
Heather Mann, **Co-VC**
~~Chance Miller~~

Patrick O'Donnell
Landry Price
Chelsae Radell, **Co-VC**
Annika Saltman
Paul Wilkins
Suzie Zagorsk

Daily Item Log and Time Stamps

Final Council motions that have passed are linked to the eAgenda within this summary. For additional guidance on navigating our YouTube recordings, timestamps, and transcripts, please see our tutorial: https://youtu.be/lphfyrj5D1I?si=1aHAV_VsZtERv0AB.

Thursday, June 5, 2025

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A Call Meeting to Order

6/5/2025 8:02 AM Meeting called to order
6/5/2025 8:05 AM Land Acknowledgement

B Reports

6/5/2025 8:06 AM **B1 ED Report** – David Witherell
6/5/2025 8:06 AM Oral History Project – Alaina Plauche
6/5/2025 8:35 AM CCC Discussion – Diana Evans
6/5/2025 9:30 AM Crab Research - Scott Goodman
6/5/2025 10:34 AM Break
6/5/2025 10:50 AM **B2 NMFS Mgmt. Report** – Jon Kurland
6/5/2025 11:00 AM Intro – Gretchen Harrington
6/5/2025 11:22 AM Discussion Paper on EO 14276 Regulatory Review – Gretchen Harrington
6/5/2025 11:53 AM Lunch Break
6/5/2025 1:02 PM Sam Rauch (NMFS Headquarters)
6/5/2025 1:59 PM **B3 NOAA GC Report** – Josh Fortenbery
6/5/2025 2:02 PM **B4 AFSC Report** – Dr. Bob Foy
6/5/2025 2:54 PM **B5 NOAA Enforcement Report** – Alex Perry
6/5/2025 2:56 PM **B6 ADF&G Report**
6/5/2025 2:56 PM **B7 USCG Report** – LCDR Jed Raiske
6/5/2025 3:04 PM **B8 USFWS** – Jill Klein
6/5/2025 3:05 PM Break

Public Testimony

6/5/2025 3:31 PM Ben Enticknap, Oceana
6/5/2025 3:35 PM Chad See, Freezer Longline Coalition
6/5/2025 3:49 PM Heather McCarty, Frank Kelty, Mateo Paz-Soldan, CBSFA, City of Unalaska, City of Saint Paul
6/5/2025 4:10 PM Stacey Hansen
6/5/2025 4:14 PM Michael Lake
6/5/2025 4:18 PM Chris Woodley
6/5/2025 4:25 PM Break
6/5/2025 4:36 PM **Council Discussion**
6/5/2025 4:42 PM Break

Friday, June 6, 2025

[YouTube Link](#)

6/6/2025 8:00 AM Meeting called to order

C1 Observer Program Annual Report for 2024 Summary

Staff Presentation

6/6/2025 8:00 AM **C1 Presentation** – Sara Cleaver, Lisa Thompson, Geoff Mayhew, Jaclyn Smith
6/6/2025 9:45 AM **C1 FMAC Report** – Sara Cleaver

6/6/2025 10:30 AM **SSC Report** – Ian Stewart, Sherry Dressel, Jason Gasper
6/6/2025 10:45 AM **AP Report on C1** – Chelsae Radell

Public Testimony

6/6/2025 11:02 AM Abby Turner-Franke, North Pacific Fisheries Association
6/6/2025 11:06 AM Chelsae Radell, Alaska Groundfish Data Bank

Council Action

6/6/2025 11:10 AM [C1 Motion 1 Observer Annual Report & 2026 Annual Deployment Plan](#) by Nicole Kimball, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
6/6/2025 11:13 AM Discussion
6/6/2025 11:23 AM Motion passed 11-0
6/6/2025 11:23 AM [C1 Motion 2 Observer Partial Coverage Fee Revenue Delays](#) by Nicole Kimball, Second by Steve Williams
6/6/2025 11:24 AM Discussion
6/6/2025 11:30 AM Motion passed 11-0

C2 BSAI Crab Specifications [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/6/2025 11:31 AM **C2 Presentation** – Anita Kroska, Katie Palof, Mike Litzow
6/6/2025 12:15 AM Break for lunch, followed by executive session at 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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6/7/2025 8:06 AM Meeting called to order
6/7/2025 8:07 AM **SSC Report in Full** – Jason Gasper, Ian Stewart, Sherri Dressel

Council Action

6/7/2025 9:39 AM [C2 Motion BSAI Crab specifications](#) by Rachel Baker, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
6/7/2025 9:40 AM Discussion
6/7/2025 9:42 AM Motion passes 11-0
6/7/2025 9:43 AM Dr. Debbie Colbert, Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, addresses Council
6/7/2025 9:55 AM Break

C3 Pelagic Trawl Gear [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/7/2025 10:14 AM **C3c Presentation Gear Definition Analysis** – Taylor Holman, Caleb Taylor, Alicia M. Miller
6/7/2025 12:04 PM Lunch Break
6/7/2025 1:19 PM **C3b Presentation Process for implementing innovation** – Anita Kroska
6/7/2025 2:50 PM **C3a Presentation Innovations development** – Dr. Brad Harris
6/7/2025 3:53 PM Break
6/7/2025 4:14 PM **C3a Industry Presentation** – Julie Bonney, Susie Zagorski, Austin Estabrook, Caitlin Yeager
6/7/2025 4:42 PM **AP Report on C3** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony

6/7/2025 5:02 PM Ben Entiknap and Lauren Hynes, Oceana
6/7/2025 5:15 PM Megan Williams, Ocean Conservancy
6/7/2025 5:32 PM Break

Sunday, June 8, 2025

[YouTube Link](#)

6/8/2025 8:02 AM Meeting Called to order

Public Testimony on C3

6/8/2025 8:02 AM Gretar Gudmundsson
6/8/2025 8:09 AM Jamie O'Connor
6/8/2025 8:17 AM Bert Ashley
6/8/2025 8:33 AM Mark Cooper
6/8/2025 8:42 AM Kevin Abena, Gulf Groundfish Fishermen's Association
6/8/2025 8:52 AM Fred Yeck Jr
6/8/2025 8:53 AM Julie Kavanaugh
6/8/2025 9:03 AM Alexis Kwachka
6/8/2025 9:06 AM Cory Lescher, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
6/8/2025 9:17 AM Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, Kawerak
6/8/2025 9:21 AM Lauren Divine, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island
6/8/2025 9:25 AM Don Ashley
6/8/2025 9:34 AM Caitlin Yeager and Austin Estabrooks, At-Sea Processors Association
6/8/2025 9:50 AM Rebecca Skinner and Patrick O'Donnell, Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
6/8/2025 10:18 AM Break
6/8/2025 10:45 AM Mellisa Maktuayaq Johnson
6/8/2025 10:51 AM Edward Poulsen
6/8/2025 10:58 AM Linda Behnken and Paul Olson, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
6/8/2025 11:10 AM Andrea Keikkala and Susie Zagorski, United Catcher Boats
6/8/2025 11:21 AM Loretta Brown, SalmonState
6/8/2025 11:30 AM Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
6/8/2025 11:42 AM Trent Hartill
6/8/2025 11:52 AM Kurt Cochran
6/8/2025 12:15 PM Lunch Break

6/8/2025 1:38 PM Jake Everich, F/V Alaskan
6/8/2025 1:41 PM Glenn Merrill
6/8/2025 1:43 PM Ron Kavanaugh
6/8/2025 1:46 PM Craig Chythlook, Native Peoples Action
6/8/2025 1:58 PM Hannah Heimbuch, Under Sixty Cod Harvesters
6/8/2025 2:04 PM Kristin L Stahl-Johnson, Ocean People Resources
6/8/2025 2:12 PM Julie Bonney and Chelsae Radell, Alaska Groundfish Data Bank
6/8/2025 2:19 PM Shannon Carroll
6/8/2025 2:32 PM Break

Council Action

6/8/2025 2:39 PM [C3c Motion Pelagic Trawl Gear Definition](#) by Jon Kurland, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
6/8/2025 2:41 PM Discussion
6/8/2025 3:05 PM **Deeming Motion Amendment** – Bill Tweit, Second Anne Vanderhoven adopt the language that allows the Executive Director and Chairman to review draft rules from NMFS to make sure they match what the Council intended before those rules are officially sent forward.
6/8/2025 3:06 PM Amendment and Amended main motion passes 11-0
6/8/2025 3:08 PM Break
6/8/2025 3:33 PM [C3b Motion Pelagic Trawl Gear Innovation](#) by Rachel Baker, Second by Rudy Tsukada
6/8/2025 3:37 PM Discussion
6/8/2025 4:34 PM **Amendment** by Anne Vanderhoeven, Second by Steve Williams to replace the word “October” with the word “December”
6/8/2025 4:34 PM Discussion
6/8/2025 4:35 PM **Amendment** passes 11-0
6/8/2025 4:35 PM **Amendment** by Anne Vanderhoeven, Second by Bill Tweit - **withdrawn**
6/8/2025 4:44 PM **Amendment** by Bill Tweit, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven - **withdrawn**
6/8/2025 4:47 PM **Amendment** by Bill Tweit, second by Anne Vanderhoeven to add the phrase “as described below” before “...”limited seafloor contact and/or impacts.” In the first paragraph of the motion
6/8/2025 4:48 PM Discussion, amendment passes without objection
6/8/2025 5:11 PM [Amended main motion](#) passes 9-2, with Vanderhoeven and Williams voting in opposition.
6/8/2025 5:12 PM Break

Monday, June 9, 2025

[YouTube Link](#)

6/9/2025 8:04 AM Call Meeting to Order

D1 AFA Program Review Report [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/9/2025 8:05 AM **D1 Presentation** – Kate Haapala (Intro), Jon McCracken
6/9/2025 8:33 AM **AP Report on D1** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony

6/9/2025 8:38 AM Ernie Weiss, Aleutians East Borough
6/9/2025 8:45 AM Break

Council Action

6/9/2025 8:56 AM [D1 Motion AFA Program Review](#) by Anne Vanderhoeven, Second by Bill Tweit
6/9/2025 8:56 AM Discussion
6/9/2025 8:57 AM Motion passes 11-0

C4 Crab Arbitration Initial Review Analysis [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/9/2025 8:58 AM **C4 Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan (Intro), Darrell Brannan
6/9/2025 10:17 AM **AP Report on C4** – Heather Mann
6/9/2025 10:21 AM Break

Public Testimony

6/9/2025 10:41 AM Gary Painter
6/9/2025 10:49 AM John Iani, North Pacific Crab Association
6/9/2025 11:01 AM Daniel Foe, Inter-Cooperative Exchange
6/9/2025 11:23 AM Shannon Carroll
6/9/2025 11:34 AM Jake Jacobsen
6/9/2025 11:40 AM Tom Enlow
6/9/2025 11:45 AM Heather McCarty, CBSFA
6/9/2025 12:03 PM Sinclair Wilt
6/9/2025 12:08 PM Julie Decker, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
6/9/2025 12:18 PM Cory Lescher, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
6/9/2025 12:20 PM Lunch Break

Council Action

6/9/2025 1:29 PM [C4 Motion Crab Arbitration](#) by Rachel Baker, Second by Nicole Kimball
6/9/2025 1:38 PM Discussion
6/9/2025 1:43 PM **Amendment** by Jaimie Goen, Second by Brian Richie to remove as Preferred Preliminary Alternative Alternative 2 Option 1
6/9/2025 1:46 PM Amendment fails 2-9, with Williams and Goen voting in favor
6/9/2025 1:49 PM Discussion
6/9/2025 1:58 PM Motion passes 10-1, with Goen voting in opposition

D2 Central GOA Program Review Report [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/9/2025 1:59 PM **D2 Presentation** – Anna Henry (Intro), Darrell Brannan, Dr. Mike Downs
6/9/2025 2:51 PM **AP Report on D2** – Chelsae Radell
6/9/2025 2:57 PM **AP Report on E** – Chelsae Radell

Public Testimony

6/9/2025 2:59 PM Chelsae Radell, Alaska Groundfish Data Bank/RP Shoreside Cooperatives

Council Action

6/9/2025 3:06 PM [D2 Motion CGOA Rockfish Program Review](#) by Rachel Baker, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
6/9/2025 3:07 PM Discussion
6/9/2025 3:11 PM D2 Motion passes 11-0

D4 BSRE Accountability Review [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/9/2025 3:32 PM **D4 Presentation** – Dr. Diana Stram

Public Testimony

6/9/2025 3:48 PM Ruth Christiansen
6/9/2025 3:54 PM Mary Beth Tooley

Council Action

6/9/2025 3:59 PM [D4 Motion Blackspotted/Rougheye Rockfish Accountability Measures](#) by Anne Vanderhoeven, Second by Jon Kurland
6/9/2025 4:01 PM Discussion
6/9/2025 4:08 PM D4 Motion passes 11-0

D6 Tier system and Harvest control rule Adjustments workshop [Summary](#)

Staff Presentation

6/9/2025 4:09 PM **D6 Presentation** – Dr. Diana Stram
6/9/2025 4:30 PM Discussion

Council Action

6/9/2025 4:43 PM [D6 Motion Harvest Control Rule Curve Adjustments](#) by Bill Tweit, Second by Jaimie Goen
6/9/2025 4:45 PM Discussion
6/9/2025 4:52 PM D6 Motion passes 11-0
6/9/2025 5:00 PM Break

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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6/10/2025 8:48 AM Call Meeting to Order

E Staff Tasking [Summary](#)

Staff Presentations

6/10/2025 8:48 AM E1 Committees, New business, and Tasking Review – Diana Evans
6/10/2025 9:05 AM Break

Public Testimony

6/10/2025 9:29 AM Alexis Kwachka
6/10/2025 9:33 AM Serena Alstrom, Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association
6/10/2025 9:39 AM M. Maktuayaq Johnson
6/10/2025 9:46 AM Terese Vicente, Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
6/10/2025 9:54 AM Jackie Arnaciari Boyer, Salmonstate

6/10/2025 9:56 AM Craig Lowenberg, BSPCC
6/10/2025 9:58 AM Wes Jones and Simon Kinneen, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation
6/10/2025 10:05 AM Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
6/10/2025 10:20 AM Steve Minor, Adak Community Development Corporation
6/10/2025 10:28 AM Richard Yamada
6/10/2025 10:36 AM Craig Evens, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
6/10/2025 10:42 AM Donald Stiles
6/10/2025 10:46 AM Erik Velsko
6/10/2025 10:54 AM Andrea Keikkala, United Catcher Boats
6/10/2025 10:57 AM Caitlin Yeager, At-Sea Processors Association
6/10/2025 11:02 AM Linda Behnken, ALFA
6/10/2025 11:09 AM Megan Williams, Ocean Conservancy
6/10/2025 11:11 AM Chris Woodley, Groundfish Forum
6/10/2025 11:13 AM Heather McCarty and Mateo Paz-Soldan, CBSFA and City of St. Paul
6/10/2025 11:21 AM Kelsi Ivanoff, Native Peoples Action
6/10/2025 11:23 AM Break

Council Action

6/10/2025 11:57 AM **E Motion** to approve the Terms of Reference for the [FMAC](#) and [PCFMAC](#) posted under C1 by Nicole Kimball, second by Bill Tweit
6/10/2025 11:57 AM E Motion on TORs passes 11-0
6/10/2025 11:58 AM **E Motion** to approve [revisions to SOPPs](#) that are currently posted on eAgenda by Bill Tweit, second by Steve Williams
6/10/2025 11:59 AM E Motion on SOPP passes 11-0
6/10/2025 12:00 PM Council Discussion
6/10/2025 12:04 PM **E Motion EO 14276** by Nicole Kimball, Second by Steve Williams
6/10/2025 12:09 PM Discussion
6/10/2025 12:24 PM **Amendment** by Rachel Baker, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven to adjust the existing bullet point striking out as follows:
Area 4 Halibut IFQ Vessel Use Caps - Provide additional harvest opportunities for vessels that were constrained by the previous vessel use cap. ~~Low involves basic changes to the IFQ landing system.~~
6/10/2025 12:24 PM Discussion
6/10/2025 12:25 PM Amendment passes 11-0
6/10/2025 12:25 PM Discussion
6/10/2025 12:28 PM [Amended main motion on EO 14276](#) passes 11-0
6/10/2025 12:29 PM **E Motion Cook Inlet EEZ Salmon** by Rachel Baker, Second by Rudy Tsukada
6/10/2025 12:30 PM Discussion
6/10/2025 12:50 PM Break
6/10/2025 1:03 PM Discussion
6/10/2025 1:06 PM **E Cook Inlet EEZ Salmon Motion passes 8-3**, with Kurland, Goen, and Vanderhoeven voting in opposition
6/10/2025 1:07 PM Council Discussion
6/10/2025 1:16 PM Appointments – Angel Drobnica
6/10/2025 1:20 PM Meeting adjourned